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APPLICANT: Bruno Gratacos

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FOR: Method of Processing Seismic Data  
Acquired by Means of Multi-  
Component Sensors

EXAMINER: Scott A. Hughes


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 19, 2008, and whatever extension of time is necessary to make this response timely, for which Applicant petitions a three-month extension, said Petition which is attached, Applicant responds as follows.